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## **THE MCCOY OPENS ITS 2015-16 SEASON OCTOBER 9 WITH CLASSIC ROCKERS AMERICA**

In 2015, the Grammy Award-winning classic rock band America celebrates 45 years in the music industry. Founding members Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell continue to tour the world, performing the music they love to the people who love it including the hits "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," "Don't Cross The River," "Tin Man," "Lonely People," "Sister Golden Hair," "You Can Do Magic," and of course, "A Horse with No Name."

CAPA presents America at the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts (100 W. Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany) on Friday, October 9, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$35-\$60 at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000.

Founding members Gerry Beckley and Dewey Bunnell (along with former band mate Dan Peek) met in high school in London in the late 1960s and quickly harmonized their way to the top of the charts on the strength of their signature song "A Horse with No Name." America became a global household name and paved the way with an impressive string of hits following the success of their first #1 single.

America's journey has found them exploring a wide variety of musical terrain. Their best-known tunes were cornerstones of 1970's Top 40 and FM rock radio. Yet beyond their impressive catalog of hits, listeners discovered much more in Beckley's melodic pop rock and Bunnell's folk-jazz elements, slinky Latin-leaning rhythms, and impressionistic lyric imagery that contrasted well with Peek's more traditional country-rock leanings and highly personal lyrics.

America's albums—six certified gold and/or platinum—encompassed an ambitious artistic swath. From effects-laden rockers to oddball medleys to soul-bearing ballads, America displayed a flawless blend of disparate genres and wide-open styles.

Enjoying massive success early in their career, America won the Grammy for Best New Artist in 1972, and began working with George Martin and Geoff Emerick in 1974. This successful team went on to record seven albums and several Top Ten hits including "Tin Man" and "Sister Golden Hair."

By the mid-'70s, inner-band conflicts and an exhaustive touring and recording schedule exacted its toll. With Peek's departure in 1977, Beckley and Bunnell carried on as a duo, making a shift in sound and direction, changing producers and managers, and renewing their dedication to songwriting. The plan helped rocket America to the upper reaches of the pop charts in 1982 with the single "You Can Do Magic."

Their growth as singers, songwriters, and musicians has continued into the present day as illustrated by *Highway* (2000), *Holiday Harmony* (2002), *Here & Now* (2007), *Live In Concert: Wildwood Springs* (2009), and *Back Pages* (2011).

From their formative years, America has been a band capable of transcending borders with its uplifting music and positive message. Embracing a rainbow of divergent cultures, America's audiences continue to grow, comprising a loyal legion of first, second, and third generation fans all bearing testament to the group's enduring appeal.

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### **CALENDAR LISTING**

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The Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, established in 2007 by a unique joint operating agreement between the New Albany Community Foundation, the City of New Albany, Plain Township, and the New Albany Plain Local School District. Since opening in 2008, the McCoy Center has drawn more than 100,000 people, fulfilling its mission of fostering an appreciation of arts and culture by providing life-long learning opportunities through education, exposure, and participation. For more information, visit [www.mccoycenter.org](http://www.mccoycenter.org).

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